(c) Non-executives and executives have been covered by the special contingency policy amounting to Rs. 1 lakh and 2 lakhs respectively for death/injury due to X-Ray radiation. Subsequent to the Supreme Court judgement, a team from the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Bombay, who are the competent authority for undertaking biannual checks, carried out the first check of BEL site in July, 1987.

Holding up Indo-US monsoon forecasting projects

3055. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indo-American research project, which is aimed at accurate monsoon forecasting in India has been held up; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Several short-term Indo-US Joint Research Projects (ending on 30-9-88) aimed at more accurate monsoon forecasting in India, are progressing well. However, a few projects could not be undertaken as clarity on the approach and the data exchange related issues is yet to emerge.

Staff cars in the Ministry of Science and Technology

3056. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of staff cars provided in the Ministry of Science and Technology and what is the number out of them, of the cars which are earmarked for the use of officers in this Ministry;

(b) what is the expenditure incurred on petrol and repair on each of the staff cars in this Ministry yearwise during the year 1986 and upto June, 1987;

(c) what is the number of occasions on which these staff cars were utilized for private purposes, as laid down in the staff car Rules applicable to the Ministry of Science and Technology; and

(d) whether Government have charged the admissible amount from the concerned officers for the use of staff cars for private purposes as admissible under the Rules; if so, what are the details of amount recovered from the officers and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) There are 8 staff cars provided in the Department of Science and Technology under the Ministry of Science and Technology which are earmarked for the use of officers in this Department.

(b) The total amount of expenditure on petrol and repairs of the staff cars in the Department for the year 1986-87 and upto June 87 is as under:

	Expenditure on Petrol (Rs.)	Expenditure repairs (Rs.)
1-4-86 to 31 3-87	3,57,108	1,50.000
1-4-87 to 30-6-87	87,017	33,087